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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-16. (Cancelled)

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- 17. (Withdrawn) The epitope of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is encoded by a nucleic acid.
- 18. (Currently amended) A composition comprising [[the]] an isolated epitope-of-elaim

 1. the isolated epitope comprising a component selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) a polypeptide epitope having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B;
 - (ii) an epitope cluster comprising the polypeptide of (i);
 - (iii) a polypeptide sequence variant of (i) or (ii), wherein said sequence variant of (i) or (ii) comprises a sequence variation of a conservative amino acid substitution; and
 - (iv) a polypeptide having functional similarity to any of (i) through (iii), wherein said functional similarity to any of (i) through (iii) comprises induction of a CTL response cross-reactive with any of (i) through (iii);
- a second isolated epitope having the sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 108, SEQ ID NO: 312, SEQ ID NO: 354, SEQ ID NO: 364, SEQ ID NO: 430 and SEQ ID NO: 572;

and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, carrier, diluent, or excipient.

- 19. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 18, where the adjuvant is a polynucleotide.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 19 wherein the polynucleotide comprises a CpG dinucleotide.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 18, wherein the adjuvant is encoded by a polynucleotide.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 18 wherein the adjuvant is a cytokine.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 23 wherein the cytokine is GM-CSF.
- 24. (**Previously Presented**) The composition of claim 18 further comprising a professional antigen-presenting cell (pAPC).

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25. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 18, further comprising a second epitope.

- 26. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the second epitope is a polypeptide.
- 27. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 25, wherein the second epitope is a nucleic acid.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the second epitope is a housekeeping epitope.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the second epitope is an immune epitope.
 - 30. (Withdrawn) A recombinant construct comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 1.
- 31. (Withdrawn) The construct of claim 30, further comprising a plasmid, a viral vector, a bacterial vector, or an artificial chromosome.
- 32. (Withdrawn) The construct of claim 30, further comprising a sequence encoding at least one feature selected from the group consisting of a second epitope, an IRES, an ISS, an NIS, and ubiquitin.

33. (Currently amended) A composition comprising:

at least one component selected from the group consisting of [[the]] a polypeptide epitope of claim 1 having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B; a composition comprising [[the]] a polypeptide or nucleic acid of Claim 1 having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B; a composition comprising an isolated T cell expressing a T cell receptor specific for an MHC-peptide complex, the complex comprising [[the]] a polypeptide of claim 1 having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B; a recombinant construct comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 1; an isolated T cell expressing a T cell receptor specific for an MHC-peptide complex, the complex comprising [[the]] a polypeptide of claim 1 having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B; a host cell expressing a recombinant construct comprising a nucleic acid encoding a T cell receptor binding domain specific for an MHC peptide complex and a composition comprising the same, and a host cell expressing a recombinant construct comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1 and a composition comprisine the same.

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> an isolated epitope having the sequence selected from the group consisting of SEO ID NO: 108, SEO ID NO: 312, SEO ID NO: 354, SEO ID NO: 364, SEO ID NO: 430 and SEQ ID NO: 572; and

with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, carrier, diluent, or excipient.

- 34. (Withdrawn) A method of treating an animal, comprising:
 - administering to an animal the composition of claim 33.
- 35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34, wherein the administering step comprises a mode of delivery selected from the group consisting of transdermal, intranodal, perinodal, oral, intravenous, intradermal, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, mucosal, aerosol inhalation, and instillation.
- 36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34, further comprising a step of assaying to determine a characteristic indicative of a state of a target cell or target cells.
- 37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 36, comprising a first assaying step and a second assaying step, wherein the first assaying step precedes the administering step, and wherein the second assaying step follows the administering step.
- 38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 37, further comprising a step of comparing the characteristic determined in the first assaying step with the characteristic determined in the second assaying step to obtain a result.
- 39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, wherein the result is selected from the group consisting of: evidence of an immune response, a diminution in number of target cells, a loss of mass or size of a tumor comprising target cells, a decrease in number or concentration of an intracellular parasite infecting target cells.
 - 40. (Currently amended) A method of making a vaccine, comprising:

combining at least one component selected from the group consisting of [[the]] a polypeptide epitope of claim 1 having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B; a composition comprising [[the]] a polypeptide or nucleic acid of Claim 1 having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B; a composition comprising an isolated T cell expressing a T cell receptor specific for an MHC-peptide complex, the complex comprising [[the]] a polypeptide of claim 1 having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B; a composition comprising a host cell expressing a recombinant construct, the construct comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1, or the construct encoding a protein Appl. No. : 10/657,022 Filed : September 5, 2003

molecule comprising the binding domain of a T cell receptor specific for an MHC-peptide complex; a recombinant construct comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 1; an isolated T cell expressing a T cell receptor specific for an MHC-peptide complex, the

complex comprising [[the]] a polypeptide of elaim-1 having the sequence as disclosed in TABLE 1B; and a host cell expressing a recombinant construct, the construct emprising the nucleic acid-of claim 1, or the construct encoding a protein molecule comprising the binding domain of a T cell receptor specific for an MHC-peptide complex; and

an isolated epitope having the sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 108, SEQ ID NO: 312, SEQ ID NO: 354, SEQ ID NO: 364, SEQ ID NO: 430 and SEO ID NO: 572:

with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, carrier, diluent, or excipient.